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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN DELEGATION VISIT TO EC COMMISSION

1. A ROMANIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY FOREIGN TRADE VICE MINISTER CONSTANTIN STANCIU HELD TALKS WITH EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS JULY 25-28 ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES IN THE FISHERY AND TRADE SECTORS. STANCIU IS THE HIGHEST-RANKING OFFICIAL FROM A CEMA STATE TO HAVE YET VISITED THE COMMISSION FOR DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES. ACCORDING TO A COMMISSION OFFICIAL WHO DEALS WITH RELATIONS WITH STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES (FOUERE), THE TALKS, WHICH WERE INITIALLY PROPOSED BY THE ROMANIAN SIDE, GAVE CONTINUED EVIDENCE OF ROMANIAN DESIRE FOR CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY, EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC DISCUSSION OF THE FRAMEWORK TRADE AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY THE COMMUNITY IN NOVEMBER 1974, OR OF EC/CEMA RELATIONS.

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2. FOLLOWING A GENERAL REVIEW OF EC/ROMANIAN RELATIONS WITH EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP (WHO HOLDS THE COMMISSION'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS PORTFOLIO), THE DELEGATION MET WITH COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENTS ORTOLI (ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS) AND GUNDELACH (AGRICULTURE) AND WITH COMMISSIONER DAVIGNON (INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS

AND INTERNAL MARKET). A GROUP OF COMMISSION OFFICIALS HEADED BY EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR GENERAL SIR ROY DENMAN SUBSEQUENTLY MET WITH THE ROMANIANS FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS.

3. FOUERE TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION TABLED A SERIES OF PAPERS OUTLINING THEIR VIEWS ON TRADE RELATIONS IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL SECTORS (INCLUDING A REQUEST FOR GSP LIBERALIZATION) AND MADE A FORMAL REQUEST THAT THE EC RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO EXCLUDE ROMANIAN VESSELS FROM THE COMMUNITY'S 200-MILE FISHERY ZONE. ON THE LATTER POINT, EC COMMISSION FISHERY OFFICIAL BATTERSBY TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT CURRENT EC COUNCIL REGULATIONS PRECLUDE EXTENSION OF FISHING QUOTAS TO STATES WHICH, LIKE ROMANIA, CANNOT OFFER RECIPROCITY TO EC FISHERMEN. BATTERSBY COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE EC COULD AFFORD TO ALLOCATE TO ROMANIA IN THE FUTURE A SMALL QUOTA FOR MACKEREL OR BLUE WHITING IF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS SO DICTATED.

4. FOUERE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE MISSION OFFICER WITH FURTHER ELABORATION ON SUBSTANCE OF THE ROMANIAN TALKS. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THE TALKS MIGHT RESUME IN SEPTEMBER. HINTON

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